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SUBJ: AVEROFF ON DEJUNTIZATION IN THE ARMED FORCES

1. DURING INTERPELLATIONS IN PARLIAMENT ON APRIL 25 WHICH DEALT WITH NATIONAL DEFENSE QUESTIONS, AVEROFF STRESSED THAT "AS FAR AS THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, THE PURGE OF THE ARMED FORCES HAS ENDED." HE WARNED ", HOWEVER, THAT THE AXE OF JUSTICE WILL FALL ON ANY FOOLISH FEW WHO MIGHT SHOW PRO-JUNTA TENDENCIES IN THE FUTURE.

2. CONSERVATIVE AND PRO-CARAMANLIS KATHIMERINI HAS STEPPED UP ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST AVEROFF. HIS APRIL 25 COMMENTS TO PARLIAMENT PROMPTED THE PAPER TO URGE GETTING RID OF THE "TINY FEW" NOW SINCE IT IS BETTER TO PREVENT JUNTA TENDENCIES THAN TO CURE THEM LATER. DRAWING ON A RECENT N.Y. TIMES (SULZBERGER) INTERVIEW WITH AVEROFF, KATHIMERINI EDITORIALIZED ON APRIL 29 THAT THE PROSPECT OF A FEW UNTRUSTWORTHY OFFICERS STILL IN THE RANKS MEANT THAT FOOLISHNESS WAS STILL A THREAT AND THE CLEANSING OF THE ARMED FORCES MUST BE COMPLETED. KUBISCH

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